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## TOO MANY DOCTORS.

The Ranks of the Medical Profession Overcrowded.

THEIR HARD WORK AND POOR PAY.

What It Costs to Make a Good Start in Practice—It Profiteth a Man More in These Times to be a Lawyer than a Physician—Some Experience.

Henry Brady in Chicago Inter Ocean.

It is estimated that during the past year there graduated from the medical colleges of the United States about 5,000 young doctors. There annually come into this country a large number of medical immigrants. In 1881, according to the British census, there were only five and eight-tenths physicians in England and Wales to every 10,000 of the population; but the census of the United States in 1880 showed an average of seventeen doctors in a like number of the population. It may, therefore, be clearly seen that if the medical profession of this country never was overcrowded it soon will be. Think of it! During the past year alone one new doctor for every 13,000 men, women and children.

Since the average American medical school to-day requires three years' attendance, and since there are many now in non-professional schools preparing for a medical education, it is fair to conclude that there are now in this country not less than 20,000 medical students, or one medical student to every 3,200 inhabitants.

It is estimated that one doctor to every thousand of the population is a very fair proportion.

Taking the figures of the census of 1880 as a basis, we find that to give each physician an annual income of \$1,200, every man, woman and child must contribute not less than \$2 per annum. Since fully one-half of the population do not pay doctors' bills the other half must double their contributions.

## PAY OF DOCTORS.

There is a popular idea that doctors receive "big pay." That all that doctors receive is clear gain. In many communities, too, a doctor is supposed to charge only for his medicine. The doctor is put upon the same plane as the grocer or hardware dealer, but it is supposed that his drugs cost very little. In other sections the druggist is preferred to the physician for ordinary consultations, for the reason that he gives more medicine for less money. Doctors should be paid for their advice, and generally the drugs prescribed are relatively of little value.

There is a certain commercial value to a doctor's services, aside from the time required to make a call. Some time since a grocer in a country town was trying to show why his bills should be paid before that of the doctor. He said: "I have capital invested in my business, but you have not."

"You are mistaken," the doctor replied. "I was drawing a salary of \$100 per month when I stopped to study medicine. My course took me three years. On an average it takes six years of practice before a doctor begins to pay all of his expenses. He must constantly be purchasing new books and instruments, and must take medical journals to keep up with the times. In many ways a practicing physician is obliged to have extra expenses, such as horses and buggy, offices and society demands which he would not be obliged to have if he were working on a salary.

## PHYSICIANS' EXPENSES.

Then, too, he must live in a much more expensive way. If we grant that his receipts for the first six years pay these extra expenses, we still have the following investment, which is small enough.

Salary nine years at \$100 per month..... \$10,800  
Lectures fees and college expenses..... 300  
Books and instruments, \$50 per annum..... 450  
Medical journals six years..... 420  
Medical society dues and incidentals six years..... 90

Total..... \$11,760  
"This sum invested at 6 per cent per annum should pay \$702 a year. By the way, how much capital have you invested in your business?"

"Eight hundred dollars," answered the not astonished grocer.

There is another element in a physician's work which raises the necessary value of his services to his patients. A large proportion of his work is gratuitous. This is true of the prominent practitioner as well as of the beginner. As a rule, no reputable physician ever refuses to attend the worthy poor, though of course, if his time is fully occupied and others equally as good are close at hand, he may leave the work for them. When called to a case a doctor seldom asks if his patient will pay. Thereafter, however, a great many people who either can pay and do not, or who being unable to pay are over exacting and complaining in their demands. Such patients all doctors shun.

DOCTORS VERSUS LAWYERS.

It is seldom that a lawyer ever does anything without being paid for it, excepting in the early years of his practice. A busy doctor, as a rule, gives away at least a quarter of his services. Some time since an operation was devised to give relief to the death from asphyxia so common in diphtheria. The operation is very simple, and yet it requires no small degree of skill. Many good operators have utterly failed even after several successful cases. One of the foremost operators lives not a thousand miles from Chicago. So prominent is he in that line of work that he was invited to England to demonstrate before the British Medical Association his method of operation, and Lennox Browne, of London, to-day the most prominent laryngologist in England, says that he came to Chicago to watch this doctor's work. This doctor had operated about 400 times. At \$35 per operation that would be worth \$14,000. What did he receive? Up to the present time he has received less than \$4,000, although he has received one fee of \$2,000. Most of these cases occur among the very poor. Diphtheria is a dreadful disease and the operator runs the risk of his own life and that of his family. A short time before receiving the large fee, the doctor told the writer unless he very soon received some large fee he must stop intubating. He could not afford the time and worry that it took.

## A SPECIALIST'S BILL.

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## MUCH HARD WORK.

The doctor in general practice can never call a moment his own. He is expected to turn out at all hours of the day or night on the slightest provocation. His patients will frequently attend to business for an entire week and on Sunday morning send him an urgent call. Every day that he is absent from business means three days lost, because his patients get into other doctors' care. This incessant labor, this broken rest, together with exposure to all kinds of weather, and frequent contact with disease, greatly increases the mortality of physicians. Whereas, before the age of fifty years the mortality of physicians is about three per cent less than the average mortality for the same age, between the ages of fifty and seventy. The mortality of doctors is about eight per cent greater than the average. It is very seldom that a lawyer loses his life in the line of duty, but among physicians this is by no means uncommon. It frequently happens that doctors contract contagious diseases, and many others die, as did the late lamented Dr. J. Suydam Knott, as the result of exposure and overwork.

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## REGULATING THE PRACTICE.

But in law it is left to the members of the bar to decide who shall be admitted to practice the profession. Every attempt to grant to the medical profession a similar control over new aspirants for professional honors has been met with the greatest opposition. The last legislature of Ohio, for example, treated the subject as a huge joke. Illinois has been a leader in this country in the regulation of the practice of medicine, and yet the board of health has been constantly hampered in its attempts to protect the citizens from impostors.

On account of the foregoing considerations as well as others, a large proportion of physicians withdraw from the practice of medicine and devote themselves to other callings. In view of all these things, no person should enter the profession of medicine as a money-making scheme. Other lines will pay better. Neither should he go into the practice unless he is prepared to wait for his business. One of the most prominent physicians in Chicago, himself the son of an eminent member of the profession, and thus not only fully equipped for the work, but assisted by his father's influence, collected in his sixteenth year of practice only \$1,000. It must be remembered that \$1,000 for a physician only equals about \$1,000 or \$1,200 paid to a clerk in a counting-room. There is a growing tendency to make the medical profession the profession of the wealthy class, for the reason that poor young men cannot afford to enter it. Whereas in law the beginner may assist himself materially by making collections and by doing clerical work, the young doctor must stick exclusively to his profession or he never will succeed. In the future even more than in the past he who would become a physician must be a man of broad education, thorough culture and an enthusiastic scientist.

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When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.  
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## FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

New York, July 6.—Money on call easy at 2 to 3 per cent. Best loan 2 per cent. closed offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½ per cent. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at \$4 57½ 58½. Sales were 20,414 shares.

Disappointment has been occasioned during the last two days by the course of prices in the stock market, as where there has been the usual expectation of a stimulation of trade and advance in prices from the new investment demand, the reality has been of the opposite description, and weakness and falling prices have prevailed. To this result the passage of the free coinage bill, the national senate undoubtedly contributed the most acting through the fear of foreign investors, but the local element espoused the bear side and the industrial troubles in Pennsylvania as a whole to-day cause distrust. The Grangers, New England and a few specialties showed the largest declines to-day, though the whole list was affected by the selling pressure. The close was firm and quiet, generally at close to the lowest figures.

Railroad bonds quiet. Government and state bonds dull and steady.

BONDS AND STOCK QUOTATIONS.—CLOSED.  
U. S. 4½ reg.....115½  
U. S. 4½ coupon.....115½  
U. S. 4½ reg.....100  
Pacific of '90.....105  
Atchafalpa.....35½  
Adams Express.....100  
American Express.....100  
Canada Pacific.....89  
Canada Southern.....55½  
Central Pacific.....100  
Chesapeake & Ohio.....75  
do first preferred.....61  
do second preferred.....57  
Chl. & Ind. & Pac.....100  
Del. & Hudson.....130  
Del. & West.....134½  
Den. & R. G. pref.....100  
Port Wayne.....100  
Illinois Central.....100½  
Kansas & Texas.....100  
Lake Shore.....130  
Louisville & Nash.....70½  
Memphis & Chas.....70  
Michigan Central.....87  
Nashville & Chatt.....87  
New Jersey Central.....134½  
Norfolk & W. Va.....40½  
Northern Pac.....194½  
do preferred.....54½  
Northwestern.....114½  
do preferred.....144

Breadstuffs and Provisions.  
CHICAGO, July 6.—A break in prices in both grain and provisions marked to-day's trading on the Chicago market. Everywhere and in the favorable government crop report started the weakness. The rioting at Pittsburgh and the uncertainty of the Hatch bill, which it was thought might be acted upon to-morrow, were the main causes. The closing prices were about the lowest of the day.  
Corn was dull and lower.  
Oats quiet.  
Provisions very little doing.  
Flour steady and unchanged.  
WHEAT—Cash No. 2 spring 77½c; No. 3 spring 75½c; No. 4 spring 73½c; No. 5 spring 71½c; No. 6 spring 69½c; No. 7 spring 67½c; No. 8 spring 65½c; No. 9 spring 63½c; No. 10 spring 61½c; No. 11 spring 59½c; No. 12 spring 57½c; No. 13 spring 55½c; No. 14 spring 53½c; No. 15 spring 51½c; No. 16 spring 49½c; No. 17 spring 47½c; No. 18 spring 45½c; No. 19 spring 43½c; No. 20 spring 41½c; No. 21 spring 39½c; No. 22 spring 37½c; No. 23 spring 35½c; No. 24 spring 33½c; No. 25 spring 31½c; No. 26 spring 29½c